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U.S. EPA Highlights Significant Regulatory Reform in Unified Agenda

On October 17, U.S. EPA reported significant regulatory reform underway and in the works in its [Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions and Regulatory Plan for Fall 2018](#).

“To date, under President Trump, EPA has finalized 28 major deregulatory actions saving Americans over \$1.6 billion and meeting the President’s two-for-one regulatory order,” said EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler. “We are providing the states and regulated community the regulatory certainty they need to advance new technologies, improve environmental protections, and enhance economic growth.”

The *Agenda* shows continued reduction of regulatory burden as envisioned by Executive Order 13771. In the last fiscal year, EPA finalized 10 deregulatory actions and reduced regulatory costs by \$1.2 billion. In addition, the document includes 45 actions expected to be deregulatory, 34 of which appear for the first time.

EPA’s *Regulatory Plan* describes 25 priority actions it will propose or complete in the coming year, including:

- The Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks
- The Affordable Clean Energy Rule – Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Existing Electric Utility Generating Units; Revisions to Emission Guideline Implementing Regulations; Revisions to New Source Review Program

- Revised Definition of "Waters of the United States." [Parisien]

U.S. EPA Reports Reductions in 2017 GHG Emissions, Plans Webinar on FLIGHT

On October 17, [U.S. EPA released](#) the 2017 greenhouse gas (GHG) data collected under the EPA's [Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program](#). The data show that total GHG emissions decreased by 2.7 percent from 2016 to 2017, and reported emissions from large power plants declined 4.5 percent since 2016 and 19.7 percent since 2011. EPA collected annual facility-level emissions data from more than 8,000 major industrial sources in 2017 as well as data from upstream fossil fuel and industrial gas suppliers.

EPA will hold an informational webinar on **October 24** to demonstrate its GHG data publication tool known as [FLIGHT](#) (Facility Level Information on Greenhouse gasses Tool), including new features and a tutorial on common searches. FLIGHT allows users to view reported data by region, industry, or greenhouse gas. [Registration is required for the webinar](#). [Poole]

Utah and Idaho Kick Off ECOS Lean Skills Exchange

The Utah and Idaho Departments of Environmental Quality (DEQs) have kicked off a Lean-Business Process Improvement (BPI) partnership under the ECOS BPI Skills Exchange program. The partnership is being coordinated by Scott Baird, Utah DEQ Deputy Director and Lean-Six Sigma Green Belt, and Jess Byrne, Idaho DEQ Deputy Director and Lean Coordinator.

As recently reported in *ECOSWIRE*, Baird visited Idaho DEQ's office for an initial Lean presentation and planning exercise that was attended by approximately 24 Idaho DEQ staffers. The group's discussion focused on outlining Utah's process improvement journey and identifying some of Utah's approaches that can be replicated in Idaho.

Skills exchange attendees have participated in two lean events since the Utah presentation, and additional in-person staff details are expected in 2019. For more

information or to get involved with ECOS' BPI Skills Exchange Program, contact [Owen McAleer](#) of ECOS. [McAleer]



State News You Can Use

[Colorado NextCycle to Fund Recycling End Market Development](#)

[Louisiana Launches New and Improved Water Data Portal](#)

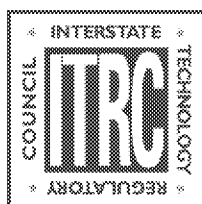
ECOS News

ECOS Welcomes New Administrative Assistant

ECOS is pleased to welcome Paulina Lopez-Santos as its new Administrative Assistant. Paulina recently graduated from the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Environmental Science and Policy and has served as a Diversity Fellow for the Citizens' Climate Lobby and a Team Leader for Greenpeace.



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[Parisien]



ITRC

Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council

ITRC Holds First PFAS Training Event in New Jersey

The Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) PFAS team recently held a successful training class at Montclair State University in Montclair, New Jersey. More than 100 people attended, including city, state, federal, and local regulators, as well as academic stakeholders and industry affiliates. Deputy Commissioner Debbie Mans of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection delivered the keynote address.

Environmental experts trained participants on site characterization (sampling and analysis), complex mechanisms that impact fate and transport, current and potential remediation technologies, risk communications, and other topics.

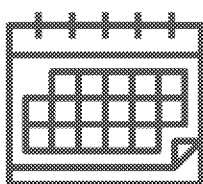
The class was the first of several ITRC PFAS training classes planned nationwide. All classes are free to state and federal regulators. The next one will be held in Sacramento,

California on **November 4** in collaboration with the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC).

For more information about upcoming training events, click [here](#). For questions or to inquire about receiving a travel scholarship, please contact [Tadbir Singh](#) of ECOS. [Singh]



ITRC PFAS training in Montclair, New Jersey.



Upcoming Events

Webinars

ITRC on Remediation Management of Complex Sites

The Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) will hold an online training course on Remediation Management of Complex Sites on **October 23 at 1-3:15 p.m. Eastern**.

At some sites, complex site-specific conditions make it difficult to fully remediate environmental contamination. This training course and [associated guidance document](#) provides a recommended holistic process for management of challenging sites, termed “adaptive site management.” After attending this training, participants will be able to: identify and integrate technical and nontechnical challenges into a holistic approach to remediation; develop a long-term performance-based action plan; apply well-demonstrated techniques for effective stakeholder engagement; and access additional resources, tools, and case studies most relevant for complex sites.

Learn more and register [here](#). [Olonoff]

U.S. EPA on Smoke Sense App

U.S. EPA will host a public webinar on its update to the Smoke Sense mobile application on **October 23 at 2-3 p.m. Eastern**. The app is part of a public health study that will investigate the extent to which wildland fire smoke exposure affects health and to develop health risk communication strategies. The newly released 2018 app update includes features like maps of hourly forecasts of smoke and ozone, time of last measurement of two air pollutants present during wildfires, and a Smoke Smarts module.

For more information and to register, see [here](#). [Longworth]

ECOS and U.S. EPA on Compliance Research for Effective Government

ECOS and U.S. EPA are hosting a new webinar series entitled *Compliance Research for Effective Government*. The series will help state and EPA program administrators understand how collaboration with academics can identify effective and measurable approaches to compliance. The first webinar featured the Ohio Signage at Outfalls Study with presenters Brian Hall of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and Dr. Jay Shimshack of the University of Virginia. The future webinar schedule is:

- **October 23, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern: Two Uses of Data Analytics:** one to predict air quality and inform the public and the other to improve compliance. Daniel Dix, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and Christina Seybolt, University of Chicago.

- **November 8, 1-2 p.m. Eastern: Compliance Interventions on the Behaviors of Third Party Lead Contractors.** Andrew Gosden, Maryland Department of the Environment, and Dr. Ben Meiselman, Johns Hopkins University.
- **November 29, 2-3 p.m. Eastern: Compliance Assurance Toolbox.** David Hindin, Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, U.S. EPA, and Sam Sankar, ECOS.
- **December 11, 1-2 p.m. Eastern: New Hampshire Hazardous Waste Generator Training Program.** Tim Prosperi, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and Dr. Sarah Strafford, College of William and Mary.

Please register for the webinars [here](#). For more information, please contact Sonia Altieri of ECOS. [Altieri]

ECOS Shale Gas Caucus on Novel Air Leak Detection Approaches

The ECOS Shale Gas Caucus (SGC) will host a webinar on **October 24 at 2-3 p.m. Eastern** on novel leak detection approaches for methane and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The session aims to stimulate dialogue on the potential value of novel detection for super-emitters, given innovation in continuous and aerial monitoring.

Moderated by SGC Co-Chairs Martha Rudolph of Colorado and Dave Glatt of North Dakota, the webinar will feature speakers with the Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council, EDF+Business, and other organizations.

An agenda and call information will be distributed to SGC members. Please contact [Lia Parisien](#) of ECOS for additional information. [Parisien]

ITRC on Issues and Options in Human Health Risk Assessment

The Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) will hold an online training course on Issues and Options in Human Health Risk Assessment on **October 25 at 1-3:15 p.m. Eastern**.

Regulatory project managers and decision-makers may not have specific guidance when alternative approaches, scenarios, and parameters are proposed for site-specific risk

assessments, and are faced with difficult technical issues when evaluating these site-specific risk assessments. This training course and [associated guidance document](#) are resources for evaluating alternatives.

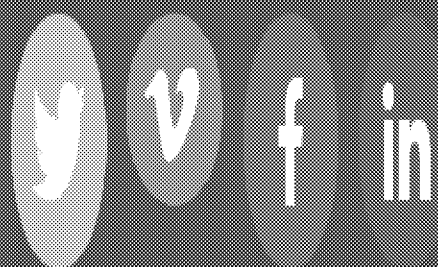
Learn more and register [here](#). [Olonoff]

ITRC on Connecting the Science to Managing LNAPL Sites

The Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) will hold the first in a three-part online training course on *Connecting the Science to Managing LNAPL Sites* on **October 30 at 1-3:15 p.m. Eastern**.

The newly updated Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids (LNAPLs) three-part training course series is based on the ITRC guidance [LNAPL Site Management: LCSM Evolution, Decision Process, and Remedial Technologies](#). *Part 1: Understanding LNAPL Behavior in the Subsurface* will teach participants how LNAPLs behave in the subsurface and examine what controls their behavior. This training will explain what LNAPL data can tell you about the LNAPL and site conditions, and cover how that information is applied to the development of an LNAPL conceptual site model (Part 2) and LNAPL technology selection (Part 3).

Learn more and register [here](#). [Olonoff]



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